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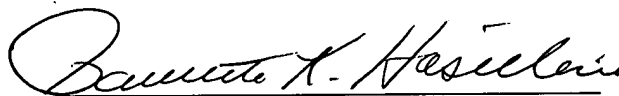
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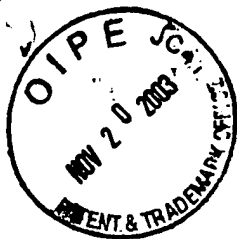
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 16,
2003. Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-63
under 35 USC 112.

Submitted herewith is a revised set of claims showing the corrected structures in
claim 15 (structure II), claim 27 (structure I), claim 37 (structure II), claim 42 (structure
XII), and claim 53 (structure XIV). No change in the scope of the claims is intended by
these corrections. No new matter is being added, as these corrected structures were in the
specification and claims as originally filed.